The Life and

end of Thomas Alfeeld a Seminary Preest and Thomas Webley a Dyers seruant in London, beeing both Traitours who were Condemned as Fellons for bringing seditious books into this Realme and dispersing of the same, among their fauourers: for which they were Executed at Tibourne the 6. day of this Monthe of Iuly.

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IT is sufficiently knowen vnto many honorable personages and diuers other of this Realme, how the lewd present Anfield hath of long time liued about London, secretly seducing the people to embrace his deuilish doctrine and to winn them from their due allegeance towardes God and their Prince, and how by frequenting the company of diuers ignorant and simple people: he did winn them to be partakers of his Romish & Antechristian Synagoge. And to the end that some parte of his life and religion may plainly appeare to the comon people, as also that the true cause of his death and his fellow companion may thereby be knowen: I haue taken in hand this short discourse chefly to beat downe the vntrue reports of their fauorers and fellowe traitours who secretly murmure that their death was only for Conscience sake and their Religion being Papistes, although it shall be euidently seen by the sequel that they died rebellious traitours to God, their Prince and Country. And yet notwithstanding, receiued greater fauour of late then

them either their offences [illegible]
selues or their fauorers [illegible]
contrary parte haue mis[illegible]
their life & proceedings may [illegible]
seen to all good subiectes. I [illegible]
lerly and hartily set downe the truth of
the same, as well to satisfie them here
as also to admonish others, both to flye
their pestilent doctrins wher [illegible] ma-
ny places they do great harme, the Lord
for his mercis sake rid them out speedily
Amen.

¶ The life and proceedings of Thomas Awfeeld a Seminary Preest being a sedicious person.

This Awfeeld was borne in the towne of Glocester, his father be-
ing a Schoolmaister: brought him
up in good Litterature, wherin af-
ter he had been sufficiently trained (ha-
uing his lattine tung), he went beyond
the seas and was there reconciled to the
Pope, and entred into the house of preest
hood in the Seminary at Rhemes and
being there instiled up among many
the olde Caterpillers of that Church,

to

he was sent into England with others, that
instantly to instance & stirre the people a-
gainst their Prince and Country, and as
much as in him lay to pervert them
from their due obedience against their
naturall and perpetuall Soueraigne
yea to lay violent handes, vpon her
and seek to subuert and vsurpe her high-
nes (whome God long preserue) yea and
to murdure and make hauock of Christi-
an Princes therby to bring in and ad-
uaunce the Romish religiō to the better
make of their powers. This detestable
Course took such effect in these hell-hounds
that they after their comming insenced a
number who haue simply wales attempte
to the same accord in seeking to murd
ther her maiestie as a thing betraying of
the Realme, to bring in forraine Inuasi
on and thereby to spoyle the life and goods
of euery good subiect. As plaine examples
whereof you had lately by Throgmorton
& William Parry executed for the same, yea & di
uers others who moste worthily haue
been executed for the same. And such Pipe
tiks as these abhominable Seminaries
haue perswaded others as the fruit of their
vtter confusion, shames & disgrace to their
lims

[illegible] ...
...ical preist, being [illegible] ...
was taken and [illegible] ...
er of London, and afterwards [illegible] ...
por[illegible]critical submission he was [illegible] ...
yet not cōtented w[illegible] this her maiesties ...
tious pardon he departed ouer [illegible] ...
witnesse priuily, bringing [illegible] ...
ses. books vpward, containing [illegible] ...
but treason, heresie, blasphemy, and [illegible] ...
sedable doctrine written by an Arch-Pa...
pist called D. Allen which books he [illegible] ...
ded and did cause them to be dispersed ...
by his fauourers especially by Thomas ...
Webley, and William Crab both notori...
ous Papists who as you shall heer, [illegible] ...
beene a fauourer of the Gospel vntil they ...
were seduced from it by this preacher a...
ther as shall heerafter be shewed. [illegible] ...
And heer is to be noted that this Arch...
not only by departing out of the Realme ...
and returning with these seditious bookes ...
did incurre her maiesties displeasure and ...
by the lawes deserued death as a felon, ...
but also by being found heere foure yeares ...
after the ende of the last parliament (bei...
ing a Iesuit or seminary Priest) did [illegible] ...
forfeit by the lawe to dye as a traitour. [illegible] ...

Thefe

These books before mencioned being made
in sight and this priest also that brought
them ouer, who being taken & examined
was found guiltie of the same and after
upon the fifth day of July at the sessions
house in the olde Bayley was ridiculously
and adiudged to great fauour to be hang-
ged at Tiborne, onely for bringing ou-
uer these seditious bookes into England
contrary to the lawes of this Realme
the penaltie wherof is to dye as a fellon,
& the dispersers or publishers of such like
bookes to receiue the same punishment,
And this was the cause of his death, al-
though he deserued a sharper punishmēt
in cases of hye treason wherin he stood at
the time of his death. He was a person of
meane stature, not full forty yeers of age
and of no special good life but liued losely.
It is knowen he was a grieuous offendor
to God, a Traitour to his prince and a
secret enemy to his countrey, although at
his death he flattered to fauour the mat-
ter with a shew of faines deuotion as
you shall after heer in the speech he made
at his death.

¶ The life of Thomas
Welsyngham.

This

This Thomas [illegible]
Gloucester [illegible]
wealthy and honest reputa[illegible]
up in the feare of God, [illegible]
reasonable yeres did place [illegible]
with a dier being a man of good [illegible]
an within the Citie, where [illegible]
parte of his prentiship he was [illegible]
that in that good book he could [illegible]
rolve to read, or what good [illegible]
could repaire unto he accounted [illegible]
full felicitie he had and continued [illegible]
kinde of profession a long time [illegible]
going downe with Aweeke to [illegible]
who being a Preest and a rank [illegible]
did so incense and perswade [illegible]
with his erroneous doctrine, [illegible]
he went thether a protestant [illegible]
an arrogant Papist. And [illegible]
seede so applied his labour [illegible]
short time he perswaded also [illegible]
Crab the sonne of webbis [illegible]
ling in the same house,) to be [illegible]
scholers and beate so farre [illegible]
that he brought the [illegible]
mortuus house without [illegible]
whose name was Rogers [illegible]
they oft times did repaire and continually

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had what frendship Rogers could doe for
them as well for conference as otherwise
so that webley would not cõe to ȳ Church
neither would read any book of diuinitie
but priuily would say they were naught,
heriticall, and falsely corrupted or trãs-
lated. But God seing his wilfulnes gaue
him ouer euen to the lust of his owne hart
and suffered him to continue in his owne
blindenes: so that after he had been banished, bring
come into England with those books be-
fore mencioned, did think this Welchman
most Instrument for this purpose, and
made him priuie to the same and got him
to be the distributer of many of them, to
those whome he knew of that Sodomi-
tical Synagoge, which in short time it
pleased God to bring to light, whereupon
he was secretly sent for, and examined,
and permitted to remaine with his maist-
ter going vnder sureties vntill munday
ȳ fifth of this July at what time he was
sent for to the Sessions house, where re-
maining obstinate in defence of ȳ same he
was condemned to be hanged at Tiburne
on the next day following.

The

The end and execution of the
before mentioned.

Vpon the first day of this
Walter Fidens the shall
accustomed to repaire to all
prisoners in Newgate, came
the morning about nine of
to conferr with the two prisoners
named, and perswaded them to
them toward death but they
obstinate saying that they were
enly settled thereunto & therfore
himnot, and desired him that he
them alone, neuertheless he did
lect his duety towards them, but
them to beleue Christe Iesus, that
might die the seruants of the
they answered him that they
not beleue as they beleued, were
ned to the bottomles pit of hell fire,
thei could be get any better
them but continued obstinate in their
ridiculous opinion, and betwen ten
seauen of the Clocke, the Carte
brought to Newgate by Poulters
receiued them & conuaied them towards
Tiburn: but Walter Fidens seeing their

wilfulnes

wilfulnes, went on fast after, & when the
prisoners were at the church walle of S.
Andrewes in Holborn, the minister of the
church named M. Eaton came vnto them
& in Christian charitie perswaded thē to
think in what state they then stood, how
wilfully they had dealt against ye Queens
maiesties proceedings, and how greatly
they had incurred her highnes displea-
sure towards them, wishing thē to pray
for her maiestie, to acknowlege their of-
fence, & hartely be sory for the same. But
Awfeeld said you do not well to trouble
vs in these our meditations, neuertheles
he then seeing them so nere their death
and in what state they stood: willed ye the
Cart should be staied and so went vp
and conferred with them but the Priests
seemed to stande in the defence of them
both, saying they were euen as good sub-
iects as any there present, but Maister
Eaton laide if that bee so, wherfore were
you condemned. Awfeeld answered they
say for felony, why said the preacher you
know whether ye haue trespassed in yᵉ
lawes ye or no, but he answered them not-
withstanding they had offended her maiestie and
that they had deserued death, then he said
open

open their offence and the
Authority, and themselves pos
ient ought to submit himself to
thority of the higher powers, and
ted the minde of the father
but in conclusion what soever
Pyrrhe seemed to will ỳ younger
to be be me him, whereat ỳ minister
the Pyrrhe your offence is great
yet are guilte of the blood of you
meaning the younger man, who
duced by him thereunto. The
withstanding said he would take
him if he would further torment
pells for the same. Oh said the
take heed what you do, for
sorte you dye in the same sorte
come to Judgement & after many
to dispose their grose errours
you be so wilful I will leue you
will & wish you to prepare you to
we draw nere ỳ place of execution,
would not any way be abused by
so came to the place of execution
ter the Executioner had fastened
ỳ Rops about their necks the pyrr
to prolelle much by saying he would
him selfe a faithfull subiect, but it

to the contrary, for al was in the aduance
ment of him selfe and the Pope, and in ꝯ
defence of ꝯ book which he offered to iu-
stifie, and in conclusion although he profes-
sed him selfe to be her maiesties subiect,
and proffered to fight in her maiesties de-
fence against all persons ꝯ should inuade
the Realme, yet he died a Traitour, and
his fellowe companion also (denying her
maiestie of her due title concerning the
supremesie in the Church of England un-
der God, whose authoritie she hath and
ought of duety to be acknowledged of e-
uery good Subiect) refusing to haue any to
pray with them but desiring all Catho-
licks to say one Credo for thē in ꝯ midst
of their Agony. And thus remaining in
their obstinate opinion they were sone
cut off. The Lord of his mercie root out
al other such secret lurkers in corners, &
graunt that either they may spedily be
cōuerted or els that they may be brought
to receiue their iust reward and
end their daies in ꝯ like or
more sharper sorte.

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